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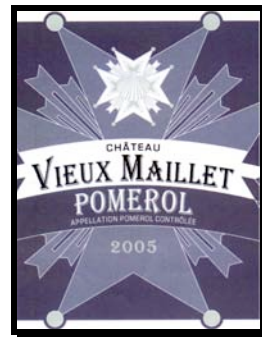
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2005 BORDEAUX



CHATEAU SAINT JEAN DE LAVAUD, LALANDE DE POMEROL

CHATEAU VIEUX MAILLET, POMEROL

CHATEAU HAUT SEGOTTES, SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU

We have a lovely stable of small estates located throughout the most prestigious appellations of Bordeaux. Each of them frequently flies below the public radar that is reserved for the historically prominent classified growths that are not only high profile wines but high priced as well. Despite the lack of attention that has been paid by the press over the years to our growers, we are particularly proud of the work that has been, and continues to be done, at these domaines. The very fine 2005 vintage is the perfect moment to introduce you to these gems or, if you know them and love their wines as we do, you will have the opportunity to cellar your favorites from this compelling year.

The wines of the 2005 vintage from three estates listed above will be available in mid-October. Please let us know if you would like to reserve one or more of these wines for shipment on arrival.

CHATEAU SAINT JEAN DE LAVAUD, LALANDE DE POMEROL, 2005: this tiny estate of 1.1 hectares is appended to its sister property, Vieux Maillet, just across the border in Pomerol; composed almost exclusively of Merlot, the St. Jean de Lavaud has risen to the top rung of this satellite appellation as a result of the careful attention paid to yields and the rigorous work done in the vineyards to showcase the attributes of this intriguing and often unexplored terrain; marked by licorice and black cherry notes in the nose and on the palate; subtle and suave tannins grace the finish; a well-colored and strikingly distinguished wine that flaunts its proximity to the noblesse of Pomerol.

CHATEAU VIEUX MAILLET, POMEROL, 2005: a fine addition to our personal cellar since our first purchase of this wine in the 1994 vintage; a wine again dominated (85%) by Merlot, there has been stunning progress at Vieux Maillet over the years; a complex wine that displays multiple types of berry fruit (from red to blue to black) married to the generous and silky tannins of ripe Merlot; and there is also the necessary discipline of its essential minerality that lingers in the finish to complete this classic Pomerol.

CHATEAU HAUT SEGOTTES, SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU, 2005: our history with Danielle Meunier and Haut Segottes extends back to the 1977 vintage; Haut Segottes is one of our longest serving offerings and certainly stands as a paragon of excellence; Madame Meunier has never failed to produce a proper wine no matter the meteorological vagaries; with vineyards placed on the prestigious Plateau de Corbin, Haut Segottes offers a classic Saint Emilion with cedar and spice and everything nice; but, beware, there is a firm backbone to this wine that comes from the substantial amount of Cabernet Franc that partners with its sister cepage of Merlot; the '05 is somber, rich, dense; a wine of perfect balance.